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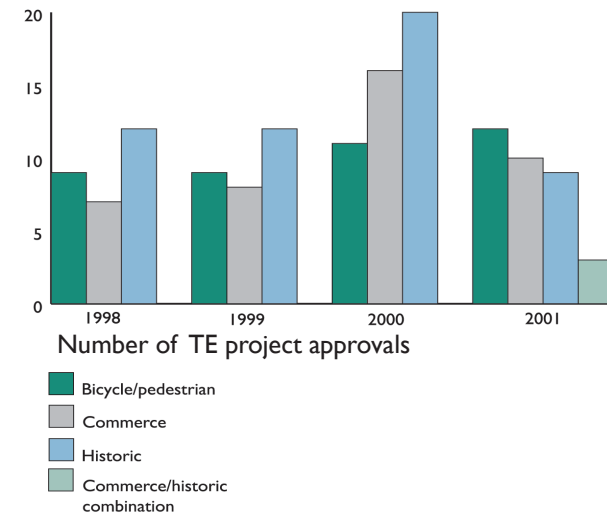
INDOT's Transportation Enhancement (TE) program is a federal program designed to fund alternative types of transportation projects, broadening the focus on transportation from highway construction to funding aimed at community and quality of life enhancement by addressing open space, traffic congestion and air quality concerns. The program requires creativity and innovation in planning, design and partnership development.

Congress created this program in the 1991 Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), and then provided an additional \$3.8 billion for program for the years 1998 through 2003. For Indiana, that translates into approximately \$16.2 million per year. As of the end of FY01, Indiana had approximately \$108 million worth of enhancement projects programmed and under various stages of development.

The program operates on an annual cycle with project applications reviewed by the Transportation Enhancement Selection Committee. This committee consists of representatives from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation and Outdoor Recreation, the Indiana Department of Commerce Tourism, the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, the Indiana Association of Counties, the Federal Highway Administration and a representative for the Metropolitan Planning Organizations.

Enhancement projects must be consistent with at least one of the following activities:

- ◆ Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- ◆ Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety and Education Activities
- ◆ Acquisition of Scenic or Historic Elements and Sites
- ◆ Scenic or Historic Highway Programs including Tourist and Welcome Centers
- ◆ Landscaping and Scenic Beautification
- ◆ Historic Preservation
- ◆ Rehabilitation and Operation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities
- ◆ Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails
- ◆ Control and Removal of Outdoor Advertising
- ◆ Archaeological Planning & Research
- ◆ Environmental Mitigation of Highway Runoff Pollution and Provision of Wildlife Undercrossings
- ◆ Establishment of Transportation Museums



Approved TE Funds

1998	\$16,738,000
1999	\$34,597,000
2000	\$15,792,000
2001	\$18,264,590